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41. A method according to claim 40, further comprising:

2 sequentially transmitting each of the generated plurality of processed signals to achieve

3 the desired radiation level at a number of locations in the desired sector during at least one of

4 said sequential transmissions.

1 42. A method according to claim 40, wherein the desirable radiation level is a non-null level.

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A method according to claim 40, wherein the desired sector is comprised of a range of

2 azimutas up to the complete range of azimuths of the antenna array.

1 44. A method according to claim 40, wherein developing a signal processing procedure

2 comprises:

3 selecting a weight vector from a sequence of different weight vectors, wherein elements

of the weight vectors selectively modify one or more characteristics of transmission of the signal

from each antenna in the antenna array.

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45. A method according to claim 44, wherein the transmission characteristics include one or

2 more of signal amplitude and/or phase.

1 46. A method according to claim 45, wherein the sequence of weight vectors share an

2 amplitude value and have random phase values.

- 1 47. A method according to claim 45, wherein the sequence of weight vectors is comprised of
- 2 weight vectors that are orthogonal.
- 1 48. A method according to claim 47, wherein the orthogonal weight vectors have elements
- 2 with the same magnitude.
- A method according to claim 47, wherein the orthogonal weight vectors are developed
  - 2 from one or more of rows or columns of a complex valued Walsh-Hadamard matrix, rows or
  - 3 columns of a real valued Hadamard matrix, and/or a sequence whose elements are basis vectors
  - 4 of a Fourier transform.
- 1 50. A method according to claim 45, wherein the sequence of weight vectors is comprised of weight vectors designed to provide a desirable radiation pattern within at least a sub-sector of an overall desired sector.
  - 1 51. A method according to claim 50, wherein the desirable radiation pattern is a near omni-
  - 2 directional radiation pattern.

52. A method according to claim 50, wherein the overall desired sector is the whole range in azimuth.

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A method according to claim 45, wherein the sequence of weight vectors includes weight vectors that are representative of weight vectors designed for transmission to known subscriber 3 unit(s) 1 54. A method according to claim 53, wherein the weight vectors designed for transmission to known subscriber unit(s) are determined from spatial signature(s) associated with each of the 2 3 subscriber unit(s). 55. A method according to claim 45, wherein the weight vectors are determined from weight vectors designed for transmission to known subscriber unit(s) using a vector quantization 2 3 clustering process.

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previous iteration is less than a threshold.

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2 assigning an initial set of weight vectors as a current set of representative weight vectors; 3 combining each designed for subscriber unit weight vector with its nearest representative 4 weight vector in the current set, according to some association criterion; 5 determining an average measure of a distance between each representative weight vector 6 in the current set and all weight vectors combined with that representative weight vector; 7 replacing each representative weight vector in the current set with a core weight vector 8 for all the weight vectors that have been combined with that representative weight vector; and 9 iterative repeating the combining, determining and replacing steps until a magnitude of 10 the difference between the average measure in a present iteration and the average distance in the

A method according to claim 55, the vector quantization clustering process comprising:

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- 1 57. A method according to claim 40, wherein the plurality of signal processing procedures is
- 2 commensurate with the plurality of antennae within the antenna array used to sequentially
- 3 transmit the signal.
- 1 58. A storage medium comprising content which, when executed by an accessing machine,
- 2 implements a method according to claim 40.
  - 59. A wireless communication system element comprising:
- 2 a storage medium including content; and
- a processor element, coupled with the storage medium, to execute at least a subset of the
- 4 content to implement a method according to claim 40.
  - 60. A subscriber unit comprising:
- two or more antenna configured as an antenna array; and
- 3 processing element(s), coupled with the antenna array, to develop a plurality of signal
- 4 processing procedures, and to iteratively process a signal through each of the plurality of
- 5 developed signal processing procedures to generate a plurality of processed signals which, when
- 6 sequentially transmitted via the antenna array, generate a desired radiation level at a number of
- 7 locations within a desired sector.
- 1 61. A subscriber unit according to claim 60, wherein the processing element(s) are comprised
- 2 of one or more of an application specific integrated circuit (ASIC), a digital signal processor

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- (DSP), a field-programmable logic array (FPGA) and/or a microcontroller resident within the 3
- subscriber unit. 4

- A subscriber unit according to claim 60, further comprising: 62.
- a transceiver, coupled with the antenna array and the processor element(s), to sequentially
- 3 transmit each of the generated plurality of processed signals to achieve the desired radiation level
- 4 at a number of locations in the desired sector during at least one of said sequential transmissions.
- A subscriber unit according to claim 62, wherein the processor element(s) are integrated 1 63. within the transceiver.



- 1 64. A subscriber unit according to claim 63, wherein the transceiver comprises at least one
- 2 processor element for each antenna within the antenna array.
- 1 65. A subscriber unit according to claim 60, wherein the processor element(s) select a
- 2 radiation level that is a non-null level.
- 1 66. A subscriber unit according to claim 60, wherein the desired sector is comprised of a
- 2 range of azimuths up to a complete range of azimuths of the antenna array.
- 1 67. A subscriber unit according to claim 66, wherein the processor element(s) select a weight
- 2 vector from a sequence of different weight vectors to develop the processing procedure, wherein

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- 3 elements of the weight vectors selectively modify one or more characteristics of transmission of
- 4 the signal from each antenna in the antenna array.
- 1 68. A subscriber unit according to claim 67, wherein the transmission characteristics include
- 2 one or more of a signal amplitude and/or phase.
- 1 69. A subscriber unit according to claim 67, wherein the sequence of weight vectors share an
- 2 amplitude value and have random phase values.
- 1 70. A subscriber unit according to claim 67, wherein the sequence of weight vectors are
- 2 comprised of weight vectors which are orthogonal to one another.
- 1 71. A subscriber unit according to claim 70, wherein the orthogonal weight vectors share a
- 2 common magnitude.
- 1 72. A subscriber unit according to claim 70, wherein the processor element(s) develop the
- 2 orthogonal weight vectors from one or more of rows or columns of a complex valued Walsh-
- 3 Hadamard matrix, rows or columns of a real valued Hadamard matrix, and/or a sequence whose
- 4 elements are basis vectors of a Fourier transform.
- 1 73. A subscriber unit according to claim 67, wherein the sequence of weight vectors is
- 2 comprised of weight vectors designed to provide a desirable radiation pattern within at least a
- 3 sub-sector of an overall desired sector.

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- 1 74. A subscriber unit according to claim 73, wherein the processor element(s) develop the
- 2 sequence of weight vectors designed to provide a desirable radiation pattern based, at least in
- 3 part, on information associated with known communication station(s) in the desired sector.
- 1 75. A subscriber unit according to claim 74, wherein the processor elements develop the
- 2 sequence of weight vectors from spatial signature(s) associated with the known communication
- 3 station(s).

76. A subscriber unit according to claim 74, wherein the processor element(s) develop the

- 2 sequence of weight vectors using a vector quantization clustering process.
- 1 77. A subscriber unit according to claim 70, wherein the processor element(s) develop a
- 2 plurality of signal processing procedures commensurate with the plurality of antennae comprising
- 3 the antenna array.

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78. A communication station comprising:

two on more antenna configured as an antenna array; and

3 processing element(s), coupled with the antenna array, to develop a plurality of signal

4 processing procedures, and to iteratively process a signal through each of the plurality of

5 developed signal processing procedures to generate a plurality of processed signals which, when

sequentially transmitted via the antenna array, generate a desired radiation level at a number of

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7 locations within a desired sector.

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- 1 79. A communication station according to claim 78, wherein the processing element(s) are
- 2 comprised of one or more of an application specific integrated circuit (ASIC), a digital signal
- 3 processor (DSP), a field-programmable logic array (FPGA) and/or a microcontroller resident
- 4 within the communication station.

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- 80. \A communication station according to claim 78, further comprising:
- 2 / dne or more transceivers, coupled with the antenna array and the processor element(s), to
- 3 sequentially transmit each of the generated plurality of processed signals to achieve the desired
  - radiation level at a number of locations in the desired sector during at least one of said sequential
- transmissions.
- 1 81. A communication station according to claim 80, wherein the processor element(s) are
- 2 integrated within one or more of the transceiver(s).
- 1 82. A communication station according to claim 80, wherein the transceiver comprises at
- 2 least one processor element for each antenna within the antenna array.
- 1 83. A communication station according to claim 78, wherein the desired sector is comprised
- 2 of a range of azimuths up to a complete range of azimuths of the antenna array.
- 1 84. A communication station according to claim 78, wherein the processor element(s) select a
- 2 weight vector from a sequence of different weight vectors to develop the processing procedure,

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- 3 wherein elements of the weight vectors selectively modify one or more characteristics of
- 4 transmission of the signal from each antenna in the antenna array.
- 1 85. A communication station according to claim 84, wherein the transmission characteristics
- 2 include one or more of a signal amplitude and/or phase.
- 1 86. A communication station according to claim 84, wherein the sequence of weight vectors
- 2 share an amplitude value and have random phase values.

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- 87. A communication station according to claim 84, wherein the sequence of weight vectors
- 2 are comprised of weight vectors which are orthogonal to one another.
- 1 88. A communication station according to claim 87, wherein the processor element(s)
- 2 develop the orthogonal weight vectors from one or more of rows or columns of a complex valued
- 3 Walsh-Hadamard matrix, rows or columns of a real valued Hadamard matrix, and/or a sequence
- 4 whose elements are basis vectors of a Fourier transform.
- 1 89. A communication station according to claim 84, wherein the sequence of weight vectors
- 2 is comprised of weight vectors designed to provide a desirable radiation pattern within at least a
- 3 sub-sector of an overall desired sector.

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- 1 90. A communication station according to claim 89, wherein the processor element(s)
- 2 develop the sequence of weight vectors designed to provide a desirable radiation pattern based, at
- 3 least in part, on information associated with known subscriber unit(s) in the desired sector.
- 1 91. A communication station according to claim 90, wherein the processor elements develop
- 2 the sequence of weight vectors from spatial signature(s) associated with the known subscriber
- 3 unit(s).
- 1 92. A communication station according to claim 90, wherein the processor element(s)
- 2 develop the sequence of weight vectors using a vector quantization clustering process.



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- 93. A communication station according to claim 92, wherein performing the vector
- 2 quantization cluster process, the processor element(s):
- assign an initial set of weight vectors as a current set of representative weight vectors;
- 4 combine each designed for subscriber unit weight vector with its nearest representative
- 5 weight vector in the current set, according to some association criterion;
- determine an average measure of a distance between each representative weight vector in
- 7 the current set and all weight vectors combined with that representative weight vector;
- 8 replace each representative weight vector in the current set with a core weight vector for
- 9 all the weight vectors that have been combined with that representative weight vector; and
- iteratively repeat the combining, determining and replacing elements until a magnitude of
- 11 the difference between the average measure in a present iteration and the average distance in the
- 12 previous iteration is less than a threshold.

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